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1. DEPT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED EMBASSY'S MANY GOOD REASONS FOR WANTING TO BRING MESSRS TRANDAFIR AND POPA TO THE U.S., BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON URBAN GOVERNMENT IS APPROPRIATE VEHICLE.

2. ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE HIGH LEVEL OF ENGLISH FLUENCY AND TRANDAFIR WOULD EITHER SLOW THE GROUP DOWN WITH DISRUPTIVE NECESSITY OF TRANSLATION OR WOULD MISS MUCH OF PROGRAM'S CONTENT.

3. IN ADDITION, FROM INFO FURNISHED IN REFTEL, APPEARS POPA LACKS QUALIFICATIONS IN FIELD OF URBAN GOVERNMENT NOTWITHSTANDING HIGH DESIRABILITY OF HIS VISITING THE U.S.

4. ALTERNATIVELY, DEPT PREPARED TO PROGRAM TRANDAFIR AS

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INDIVIDUAL IV GRANTEE WITH CAREFUL PROGRAM TAILORING TO

SUIT HIS NEEDS, AND POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN MAYOR'S CONFERENCE.
5. WHILE DEPT SEES ADVANTAGES IN POPA VISIT TO U.S., DOING
SO UNDER IV PROGRAM WOULD SET AWKWARD PRECEDENT FOR

EMPLOYEES OF MFA WHOSE NORMAL FUNCTIONS AS AMERICAN DESK
OFFICER SHOULD IMPEL HIS GOVERNMENT TO SEND HIM TO U.S.
AT ITS EXPENSE. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT
POPA NOMINATION AS INDIVIDUAL IV, BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL
AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR FURTHER
CONSIDERATION. INGERSOLL

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